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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the subject application as follows: In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-3, 5-20 and 24-44, without prejudice.

Please add new claims 45-82 as follows:

5. A composition for human consumption comprising:

one or more natural isomers of reduced folate selected from the group consisting of (6S)-tetrahydrofolic acid, 5-methyl-(6S)-tetrahydrofolic acid, 5-formyl-(6S)-tetrahydrofolic acid, 10-formyl-(6R)-tetrahydrofolic acid, 5,10-methylene-(6R)-tetrahydrofolic acid, 5,10-methenyl-(6R)-tetrahydrofolic acid, 5-formimino-(6S)-tetrahydrofolic acid, and polyglutamyl derivatives thereof; and

a nutritional substance for human consumption selected from the group consisting of a food preparation, an essential nutrient preparation, and combinations thereof;

wherein the total amount of said one or more natural isomers of reduced folate in said composition is between about 5% and about 200% of a human daily requirement for folate per customarily consumed quantity of said composition;

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